

MH 403
History of Medicine
March 29 – April 23, 2004
The Brody School of Medicine-East Carolina University
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Time: 8:30-11:00 am

Room: 2E-69

Texts: 1) William G. Rothstein, American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1972), available at Medical School Bookstore.

2) several articles on reserve in Health Sciences Library

Requirements:

- 1) Regular class attendance. (M-4 Department of Medical Humanities **attendance policy:** two or more absences will affect your grade. Students who miss three sessions must, at the discretion of the instructor, write a compensatory paper on a mutually agreed upon topic. Students who miss one-half the course sessions will fail.)
- 2) Informed (by the assigned readings) participation in classroom discussions.
- 3) A brief oral research report to the group on a landmark article, classic description of a disease, eponym, or classic description of a clinical sign in medicine. You may use the web for some of your research, but you must also use print resources in the Health Sciences Library.

Schedule:

Monday Session 1: Introduction to the History of Medicine
March 29

Todd L. Savitt, Fevers, Agues, and Cures: Medical Life in Old Virginia (Richmond: Virginia Historical Society, 1990), pp. 7-19. [on reserve]

Stanley Joel Reiser, "Examination of the Patient in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries," in Reiser, Medicine and the Reign of Technology (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1978), pp. 1-22

Stanley Joel Reiser, "The Medical Influence of the Stethoscope," Scientific American, 240 (February 1979), 148-156.

Wednesday
March 31 Session 2: Medical Practice

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, "Martha Moore Ballard and the Medical Challenge to Midwifery," in Judith Walzer Leavitt and Ronald L. Numbers, eds., Sickness and Health in America: Readings in the History of Medicine and Public Health, 3rd ed. (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1997), pp. 72-83. [on reserve]

Rothstein, (text) American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century, pp. 26-62.

Monday
April 5 Session 3: Medical Societies and Medical Education

Rothstein, (text) American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century, pp. 63-121.

Wednesday
April 7 Session 4: Irregular Medicine

Rothstein, (text) American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century, pp. 125-174.

Monday
April 12 Session 5: The Medical Profession Post-Civil War

Rothstein, (text) American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century, pp. 177-216.

Wednesday
April 14 Session 6: Medical Sects Post-Civil War

Rothstein, (text) American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century, pp. 217-246.

Steven C. Martin, "A History of Chiropractic," in The Cambridge World History of Human Disease, ed., Kenneth F. Kiple (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1993), pp. 164-170. [on reserve]

Rennie B. Schoepflin, "The Christian Science Tradition," in Caring and Curing: Health and Medicine in the Western Religious Traditions, eds., Ronald L. Numbers and Darrel W. Amundsen (New York, NY: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1986), pp. 421-446. [on reserve]

Monday
April 19

Session 7: *The Rise of Scientific Medicine*

Rothstein, (text) American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century, pp. 247-281.

Logan Clendening, "Anesthesia," in Source Book of Medical History, comp., Clendening (New York, NY: Dover Publications, 1942), p. 355. [on reserve]

C.W. Long, "An Account of the First Use of Sulphuric Ether by Inhalation as an Anaesthetic in Surgical Operations," Southern Medical and Surgical Journal, NS 5 (December 1849), 705-713. [on reserve]

Henry Jacob Bigelow, "Insensibility During Surgical Operations Produced by Inhalation," Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, 35 (November 18, 1846), 309-317. [on reserve]

Wednesday
April 21

Session 8: *From Sects to Science*

Rothstein, (text) American Physicians in the Nineteenth Century, pp. 282-326.

John H. Felts, "Abraham Flexner and Medical Education in North Carolina," North Carolina Medical Journal, 56 (November 1995), 534-540. [on reserve]

Paul Starr, "The Reconstitution of the Hospital," in Starr, The Social Transformation of American Medicine (New York: Basic Books, 1982), pp. 145-162 top. [on reserve]